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Dear Fathers and Deacons,

The clergy who gathered today at the Council of Priests' Meeting agreed that we should have the special collection to support Ukraine sooner rather than later. I ask you therefore to take it up on 2nd Sunday of Lent, 12th/13th March. I recommend that you pass it on to SCIAF who will distribute our donations to the Caritas network in Ukraine and the neighbouring countries to which so many people are fleeing. The collection for the Sick and Retired Priests of the Diocese will now be taken up on 4th Sunday of Easter.

Collections of materials to be sent to the Refugees in Poland are being organised in East Kilbride at St Leonard's Church Hall and at St Patrick's, Craigneuk. Fr Krzysztof and Fr Rafal are in touch with their home Diocese in Eastern Poland regarding transporting and distributing the donated goods.

With my prayers and best wishes,

Yours in Christ,

+ Joseph Toal